## QUESTIONS FOR EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY AND WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY APPOINTEES

- 1. What goals would you like to achieve during your time on the board?
- 2. In your discussions with the governor's office prior to your appointment, what was the general charge given to you?
- 3. Over the last 15 or 20 years it seems that all state universities have been expanding programs to try to offer everything to everyone. Do you think this is a good idea?
- 4. There is a proposal to separate funding of the State's three research universities from the other twelve universities. Should the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, and Wayne State University be funded separately?
- 5. Under what circumstances would you vote to increase tuition at your school?
- 6. Do you think your university has done a good job of controlling costs? Where would you find additional cost savings?
- 7. What type of outcomes should the university measure to determine if it is being successful? (i.e. graduation rates, how long it took to graduate, job placement in the graduates major, etc.) Does your university currently do anything like this?
- 8. What is your position on the importance of state universities as authorizers of charter public schools?
- 9. What is your opinion of the new constitutional amendment banning the use of race and gender preferences in public university admissions? How will you ensure that the amendment is implemented at your university?
- 10. In which areas of technological research does your university specialize? How effective is your school at commercializing this research to help grow the state's economy?
- 11. Do you see postsecondary education as mainly a conduit to the work world or is there intrinsic value to pursuing a higher education?
- 12. Do you think that K-12 institutions are doing a good job of preparing students for college? Why?

## Questions for Eastern Michigan University and Western Michigan University Appointees

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- > Improve the relationship between labor and administration.
- Assure affordability and accessibility of the university.
- Assure a diverse student population.
- 2) To improve the outcome of Michigan students and to grow the student body.
- While I believe universities should concentrate in certain areas, it is important to provide a broad array of learning opportunities.
- 4) I believe that our major universities should be research universities and that this division is artificial.
- 5) I would vote for an increase in tuition only when I am convinced there is no other alternative.
- 6) I believe Eastern Michigan University has done a fair job of controlling costs, however I am not familiar enough with the university to suggest cost saving efforts.
- 7) All of the indicators suggested by this question are appropriate and the university certainly benchmarks many of them.
- 8) I believe a limited amount of charter school authorizations makes sense. I do not however believe that they are a replacement for a strong public education system.
- 9) While I did not support the amendment, I believe that our universities must follow the law and at the same time assure diversity.
- 10) I do not know the university well enough yet to be eloquent on this theme.
- I believe post secondary education is a post conjugate to the work world and at the same time believe strongly in the intrinsic value of higher education.
- 12) I do not think K-12 institutions are doing a good job preparing students for college. I believe Eastern Michigan University can play a particular role in improving educational outcomes.